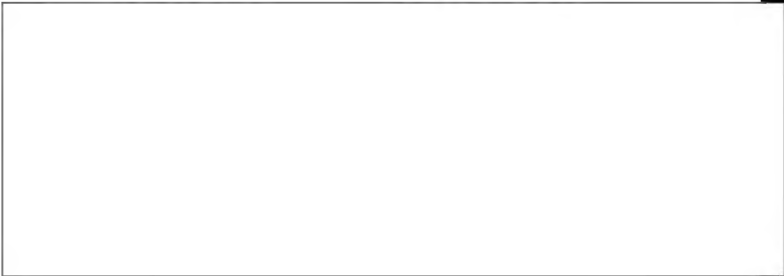




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USSR-AFGHANISTAN: Concern Over Casualties

1/2 Three articles in *Pravda* this month have depicted the Afghan Army as heavily engaged with the guerrillas. Soviet troops, on the other hand, are reported being fired on only while working on civilian projects. [redacted]

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3 Comment: The articles reflect Moscow's sensitivity to the casualties that are being widely rumored in the USSR but are not mentioned in the media. An increased number of similar articles in the Defense Ministry newspaper last winter coincided with the adoption of a more aggressive strategy in Afghanistan. [redacted]

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[redacted] The media normally focus on civilian projects and military training to help allay extensive concern over the high costs of the fighting. [redacted]

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